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CONTACT REPORT

UTILITY and []
CATIDE Compound - 1145-1215 hours
17 September 1964

1. There were four pieces of business to transact with UTILITY at this meeting.
2. My main job was to hand him the [] assessment of CATIDE's take in this field. This had recently been cabled to us and [] suggested that I make the money by presenting the assessment to him. Oddly enough, he didn't quite remember what it was he had requested from us. The minute he saw the text of it, however, he recalled at once and expressed his gratitude. In a quick glance he obviously saw that it was going to be useful to him.
3. Then I broached to him the question of lists of prisoners from the East Zone. I had some difficulty in the phraseology of my own aide memoire to him on this matter. I wanted to be as loose in phraseology as I could in order to evoke from CATIDE the most encompassing list possible. UTILITY caught the looseness of the phraseology immediately and said, "do you want the list of persons returned or the persons whom we seek to have returned?" I then said that we sought the most complete list possible, a Bundesliste as it were, of all persons whom the government hopes to have returned.
4. In the course of this discussion UTILITY filled me in on some of the background of the prisoner situation. None of the points he raised is not reflected in our Base files and cable traffic. However, he said he was talking a bit out of school when he described to me the uncoordinated way that the prisoner affair was being handled. He emphasized that because of the shortage of trained civil servants, as a result of the war, civil government did not proceed as smoothly as it ought. He said that many political people "in their interpretation of the democratic processes" thought they could act individually in this important but very emotional matter. UTILITY then spoke for a few minutes on the necessity of carrying on your politics with your head rather than your heart.
5. The above were the only two subjects on which I passed papers to UTILITY.
6. I then asked him, as suggested in a cable from [], for his presentation of the Schwirkmann case to the Chancellor. He had copies made after removing his signature and the Top Secret classification (no longer necessary since the government's intention to keep the matter quiet had gone adrift). UTILITY then gave me the data which appeared in EGO-82 and the accompanying operational cable.

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7. The last matter which I brought up was in response to Headquarters query about Mr. Meyer, a young man shot while attempting to cross the Berlin Wall. His response was covered in MUNT-0768.

8. The meeting was to have lasted a short five minutes but UTILITY seemed in a talkative mood. Although most of our time was spent directly on business, we did discuss my children, their ages, their school and previous international school experience, and my desire after that experience to have them once more for a period in a completely American school atmosphere. UTILITY agreed with this point of view. However, I said after they had been here sometime and depending upon how they were progressing, I might investigate the German school situation. I told him the children had already made friends with all the German children around them and I expressed my astonishment at how loud conversations in two languages could go on with all the children apparently understanding every word. He said that it was because children had no inhibitions. He then said that the children of []'s predecessor spoke very good German.

9. He did not volunteer nor did I raise the [] visit.

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